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Assisting a Voter (con't)

§§ 64.032(d), 64.034, 64.035, 64.036

- What else does an assistant need to do?
 - Take the Oath of Assistance.
 - **NEW LAW (HB 2475):** The oath has been modified to include a statement that the assistant is not the voter's employer or an agent thereof or an officer or agent of a labor union to which the voter belongs.
 - Name and address must be entered next to voter's name on poll list.



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- Election official must ask voter if voter wants entire ballot read to him/her, and if so, must instruct assistant to do so.
- Must NOT mark ballot in any way other than how the voter indicates he/she wants the ballot marked. Offense is a Class A misdemeanor.



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Election Officials Assisting Voters

§ 33.057, 34.002(b), 64.032, 64.033

- Two election officials may assist a voter. (One during early voting.)
- Entire ballot must be read to voter unless voter states that they only want to hear certain offices or measures.
- Election officials must also take Oath of Assistance, though only need to take oath once.



Election Officials Assisting Voters (con't)

- Election workers' names are not entered next to voter's name on poll list.
- Poll watcher and inspectors may observe assistance when provided by election officials.



Assisting a Voter – Curbside Voting

§ 64.009

- What is curbside voting?
 - If voter is unable to enter a polling place without assistance or likelihood of injury, he/she may be assisted “curbside.”



Assisting a Voter – Curbside Voting (con't)

- One election official may deliver a ballot to voter at the entrance to the polling place.
- If using a DRE system, the official will deliver the DRE unit to voter rather than a ballot.
- **NEW LAW (SB 910):** Curbside voting during early voting is to be conducted in the same manner as on election day.



Assisting a Voter – Curbside Voting (con't)

- Poll watchers and inspectors may observe curbside voting.
- Once voter has marked ballot, election official deposits ballot in ballot box.

